Shortfall in cotton production

57. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH:
SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that textile mills have resorted to one-day a week voluntary closure due to acute shortage of cotton as a result of short-fall in cotton production;

(b) whether Government are considering to import cotton and staple fibre to meet the domestic consumption; if so, what are the details in this regard and what is the assessment of Cotton Advisory Board;

(c) whether it is also a fact that large scale closure of mills is due to escalating costs and unremunerative prices for cloth and yarn; if so, what remedial measures Government intend to take; and

(d) what is the number of mills closed and reopened during the last three months, State-wise and whether Government of Gujarat has suggested any long term or short term measures to face the crisis in textile industry; if so, whether any decision has been taken by the Ministry thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) While ICMF had resolved to this effect, it has not been reportedly implemented by mills so far.

(b) Government have taken no decision to import cotton and staple fibre to meet the requirements of domestic consumption.

(c) The closure of cotton textile mills is mainly due to financial difficulties.

(d) A statement is attached.

Statement

State-wise details of closed and re-opened mills

State	October, 1987		November, 1987		December, 1987	
	Closed	Re-opened	Closed	Re-opened	Closed	Re-opened
Gujarat	1	1	1	..	..	..
Karnataka	1	1	1	..	..	..
Kerala	..	1	1	..	..	2
Madhya Pradesh	..	..	..	..	1	..
Rajasthan	..	1	1	1	..	..
Tamil Nadu	2	8	6	2	4	2
Uttar Pradesh	5	..	2	2	1	3
West Bengal	2	..	..	..	1	..
GRAND TOTAL	11	12	12	5	7	7

The Gujarat Government had requested for a liberal package of assistance to sick textile units. In this respect two schemes, one for the rehabilitation of sick but potentially viable textile mills, and the other for their modernisation are already in operation.

Sardar Sarovar Project

58. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the project stages of Sardar Sarovar Project on Narmada river and what will be the cost of the project statewise;

(b) what are the submergence aspects in terms of villages and population affected and forest and culturable land submerged by the project;

(c) what are the project benefits in terms of overall development of beneficiary States;

(d) what will be the employment generation for the construction of the main dam, power house and canal systems of the project; and

(e) what is the total annual revenue expected from the project when completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Sardar Sarovar Project estimated to cost Rs. 5793 crores (November, 1984) is to be built in a single stage.

(b) The project will affect a population of 66,700 in 234 villages. The likely submergence is about 37 thousand hectares including 13 thousand hectares of forest land and 11 thousand hectares of culturable land.

(c) An annual irrigation of 17.92 lakh hectares in Gujarat and 0.73 lakh hectares in Rajasthan is envisaged. The total installed power generating capacity will be 1450 MW. The power generated is to be shared by Madhya Pradesh Maharashtra and Gujarat in the ratio of 57:27:16.

(d) and (e) Precise details for different components have not been worked out.

Inflationary rate

59. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present rate of inflation in terms of the wholesale prices and what was the rate in 1985-86 and 1986-87; and

(b) what was the wholesale price index during the week ended January 16, 1988 and what was the figure for the corresponding period last year, i.e. on January 16, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Rate of inflation on a point to point basis measured in terms of wholesale price index (1970-71—100) was as under:

	Annual rate of inflation
	(as on end January)
1985-86	5.8
1986-87	5.4
1987-88	9.6

(b) The wholesale price index during the week ended January 16th, 1988 stood at 415.7 as against 377.9 on January 17th, 1987.

Decline in export growth rate

60. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that adverse balance of trade of the country is expected to reach the level of Rs. 43,000 crores by the end of the Seventh Plan period in view of the shortfall in the export growth rate and increase in imports; and